

Application No.: 10/044367

Case No.: 57384US002

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 – 7, 9 – 35, 38 – 40, 42, and 43 have been pending. Claims 42 and 43 are being canceled. Claim 34 is being amended.

Rejections Under § 102

Claims 34, 42, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,589,246 (Calhoun et al.). The rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 34 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 1. Claims 42 and 43 have been canceled. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection under § 102 be withdrawn.

Rejections Under § 103

Claims 34, 42, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,344,693 (Sanders). The rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 34 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 1. Claims 42 and 43 have been canceled. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection under § 103 be withdrawn.

Concluding Remarks

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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